**West Bengal**

45 Bengal Engineering College, Howrah.

**New Delhi**

46 Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

47 Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi.

48 School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi.

49 Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.

50 National Museum, Institute of History of Arts, Conservation and Museology, New Delhi.

51 TERI School of Advanced Study, New Delhi.

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**Different brand of same Medicines**

†*89. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines of different brand names having same formula are available in abundance in Indian drugs market; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is difference of 50 to 100 per cent in prices of these brand named medicines?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) "There are a number of formulations with different brand names but having the same composition and manufactured by different pharmaceutical companies, Prices of non-scheduled formulations are fixed by the manufacturers themselves and may vary from one manufacturer to the other. For a scheduled formulation, a manufacturer is required to follow the price fixed by the Government through an order, *i.e.* he cannot charge a price higher than the price so fixed. If the Government notifies ceiling price in case of any scheduled formulation, it has to be followed by all manufacturers, who cannot sell such formulation above the ceiling price."

**Vacancies in N.F. Railway**

*90 SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to statem:

(a) how many vacancies are there in N.F. Railway, grade-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) what policy has been adopted by the Railway authorities to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) whether there is any time-frame to fill up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) There are a total of 9636 vacancies in N.F. Railway of which 6052 are in Group 'C' and 3584 in Group "D' as on 01-7-2001. Grade-wise break up of these vacancies is as under:—

| Grade | Vacancies |
|---|---|
| 2550—3200 | 269 |
| 2610—3540 | 337 |
| 2650—4000 | 2978 |
| 2750—4400 | 383 |
| 3050—4590 | 1765 |
| 3200—4900 | 80 |
| 4000—6000 | 750 |
| 4500—7000 | 1008 |
| 5000—8000 | 1034 |
| 5500—9000 | 434 |
| 6500—10500 | 464 |
| 7450—11500 | 134 |
| TOTAL | 9636 |

(b) Filling up of vacancies which arise due to promotion, retirement, death, etc. is a continuous process. The existence of some vacancies in a large organisation like Railways is, therefore, inevitable at any point of time. The vacancies are filled by direct recruitment from open market, appointment on compassionate ground, promotion, redeployment of surplus staff, etc. as per procedure in force.

(c) In view of the Government's policy to effect economy in expenditure by various measures including containing manpower, the vacancies are subjected to critical review and therefore, it is not necessary that all the vacancies are required to be filled up. The vacancies identified for filling up are filled up as early as possible. However since a number of procedural aspects are required to be go one through, a definite time frame for filling up the vacancies cannot be spelt out.